



## News Release

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### **PERS Board holds election for municipal representative**

The Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) mailed ballots, biographical information, and candidate statements to eligible voters Sept. 10 for selection of the municipal representative to the PERS Board of Trustees.

The candidates are incumbent Stephen C. Benson of Southaven, training officer with City of Southaven Fire Department; Kim R. Collins of Okolona, city clerk with the City of Okolona; LaSeine T. Hilliard of Jackson, deputy chief administrative officer for external funding with the City of Jackson; Patricia D. Jackson of Jackson, public safety administrator with Jackson Police Department; JoAnn J. Ladner of Pearl, city clerk, chief budget officer and special projects administrator with the City of Pearl; Deborah L. Lea of Monticello, director of administration for the Town of Monticello; and Marshall C. Robinson of Terry, fire chief for the City of Byram.

Votes must be cast by mail, phone, or online by 5 p.m. Oct. 10. Instructions on the voting process are on the ballot that was mailed to state employees. The election schedule and a sample ballot are available on the PERS website, [www.pers.ms.gov](http://www.pers.ms.gov).

The 10-member Board includes the State Treasurer, a gubernatorial appointee who is a member of PERS, two PERS retirees, two state employees, and one representative each of public schools and community colleges, Institutions of Higher Learning, counties, and municipalities. With the exception of the State Treasurer and the gubernatorial appointee, board members are elected to staggered six-year terms.

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